

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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*In re: Vernon A. Nelson  
Attorney at Law, Bar No. 6434*

Case No. 2:21-cv-00370-MMD

10 This is an attorney discipline matter. Before the Court is Vernon A. Nelson's  
11 petition for reinstatement. (ECF No. 9 ("Petition").) Because Nelson has proffered  
12 sufficient evidence with his Petition that he is a member in good standing of the State Bar  
13 of Nevada, he has successfully discharged the probationary conditions the Nevada  
14 Supreme Court imposed on him, and as further explained below, the Court will grant the  
15 Petition.

16 The Court entered an order to show cause why Nelson should not be reciprocally  
17 suspended (ECF No. 1 (“OSC”)) and Nelson filed a timely response (ECF No. 4) arguing  
18 that the Court should not reciprocally suspend him because he was still permitted to  
19 practice in Nevada state court. The Court nonetheless suspended him because Nelson  
20 was subject to probationary conditions the Nevada Supreme Court imposed on him but  
21 indicated he could petition for reinstatement once he could establish that he had  
22 successfully discharged those probationary conditions. (ECF No. 5.)

23 As noted, Nelson now petitions for reinstatement. (ECF No. 9.) In particularly  
24 pertinent part, he attached as exhibits to his Petition a letter and email from Nevada State  
25 Bar counsel confirming that he has successfully discharged the probationary conditions  
26 the Nevada Supreme Court imposed on him (ECF No. 9-3) and a certificate of good  
27 standing from the State Bar of Nevada that post-dates the previously-described letter and  
28 email (ECF No. 9-6).

1 Local Rule IA 11-7(i) states that an attorney who is the subject of an order of  
2 suspension "may petition for reinstatement to practice before this court or for modification  
3 of the order as may be supported by good cause and the interests of justice." LR IA 11-  
4 7(i). The Rule further provides: "if the attorney was readmitted by the supervising court or  
5 the discipline imposed by the supervising court was modified or satisfied, the petition must  
6 explain the situation with specificity, including a description of any restrictions or  
7 conditions imposed on readmission by the supervising court." *Id.* However, the decision  
8 as to whether and under what circumstances the attorney will be reinstated to practice  
9 before this Court is left to the discretion of the Chief Judge, or other reviewing Judge if  
10 the Chief Judge refers the matter to another judge. See *id.*; see also LR IA 11-7(a).

11 The Court will grant the Petition because Nelson has sufficiently demonstrated he  
12 successfully discharged the Nevada Supreme Court's probationary conditions and is an  
13 attorney in good standing with the State Bar of Nevada. (ECF Nos. 9-3, 9-6.) Moreover,  
14 Nelson's Petition demonstrates understanding of the Court's prior Suspension Order  
15 granting him leave to petition this Court for reinstatement once he could show that he is  
16 able to practice in Nevada state courts unencumbered by any probationary conditions.  
17 (ECF No. 5 at 3.) The Court thus finds that Nelson has shown cause to be readmitted to  
18 the bar of this Court.

19 It is therefore ordered that Vernon A. Nelson's petition for reinstatement (ECF No.  
20 9) is granted.

21 DATED THIS 10<sup>th</sup> Day of June 2022.

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CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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